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SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN AREA
LAST QUARTER CY 1975: EXERCISES

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1. TDC HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM DOD STATING THAT NORMAL MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE TAIWAN AREA MAY BE RESUMED AFTER DECEMBER 12. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE WE UNDERSTAND DOD ALSO STIPULATED THAT RESUMPTION SHOULD BE GRADUAL.

2. IN ADDITION, DOD MESSAGE AUTHORIZES A BLUE SKY EXERCISE FOR DECEMBER 18 WHICH WITH THE SHARK HUNT EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 15-22 AND THE LARK SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 16 WOULD MEAN THREE EXERCISES IN THE FIRST WEEK AFTER RESUMPTION. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, HOWEVER, TDC INFORMED US TODAY THAT IT HAS CANCELLED LARK EXERCISE ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE.

3. THE SCHEDULING OF BOTH BLUE SKY AND SHARK HUNT DURING THE FIRST WEEK AFTER RESUMPTION OF EXERCISES WOULD NOT APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH THE "GRADUAL AND PHASED" CRITERIA; HOWEVER, SINCE BOTH OF THESE EXERCISES WERE APPROVED BY JCS AND PRESUMABLY, THEREFORE, CLEARED WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE

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EMBASSY POSED NO FORMAL OBJECTION WITH TDC.

4. FYI: THE EMBASSY WAS NOT AN INFO ADDRESSEE ON THE DOD
CABLE. IN ORDER TO MONITOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN
TAIWAN IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD REQUEST THAT
DOD INFO EMBASSY ON SIGNIFICANT CABLES CONCERNING MILITARY
ACTIVITIES IN THE TAIWAN AREA. UNGER

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